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When someone thinks about the United States Naval Academy, often images of parades, sporting events and the Brigade at formation fill their mind. But there is so much more to life here where the Severn joins the tide. There are so many people who work to support each Midshipman in his or her endeavors. This book aims to celebrate those special individuals who make it possible for the midshipmen to achieve our wildest dreams. To all of the wonderful supporters of Midshipmen, we cannot thank you enough for all you do; this book is in honor of you!

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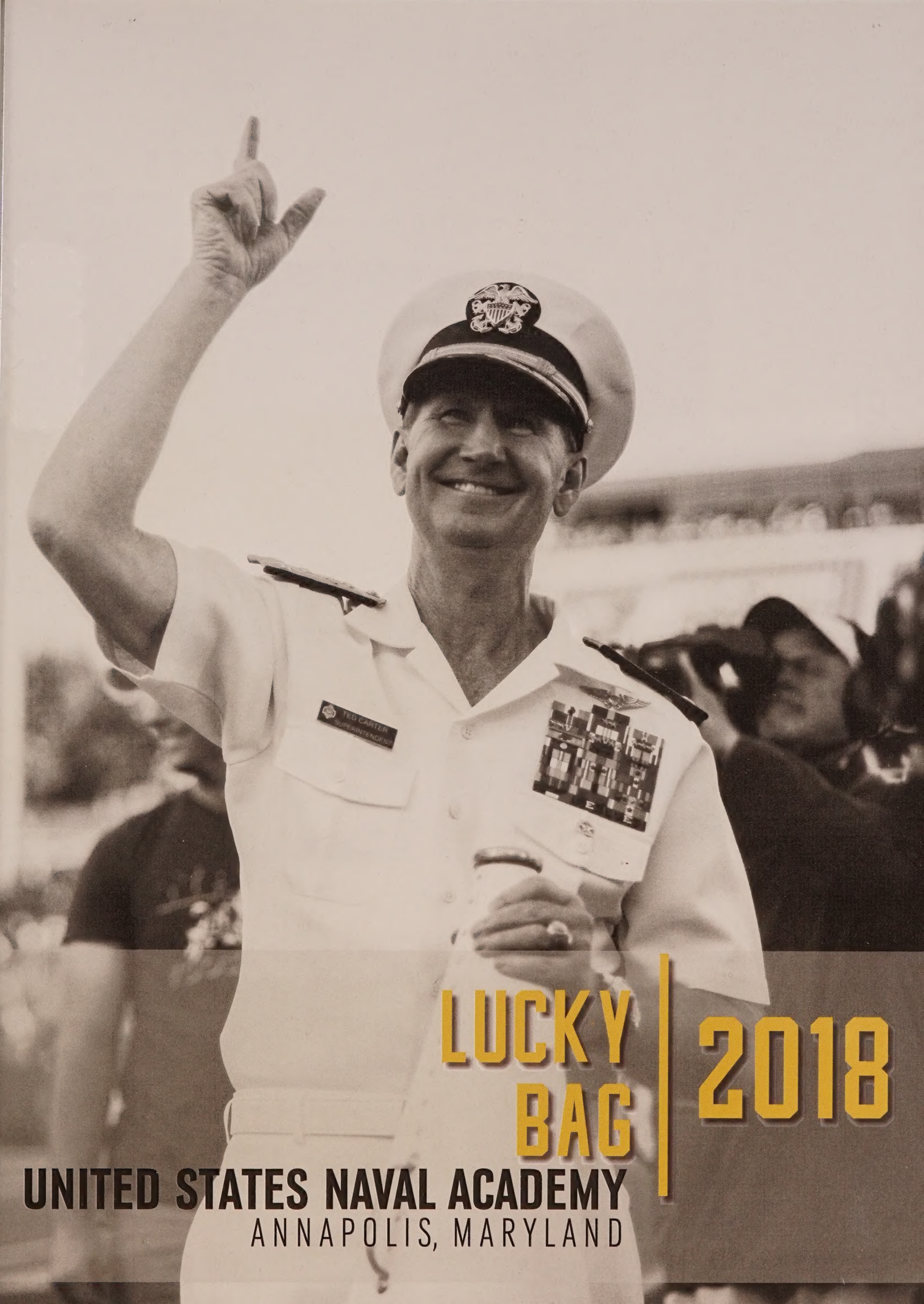

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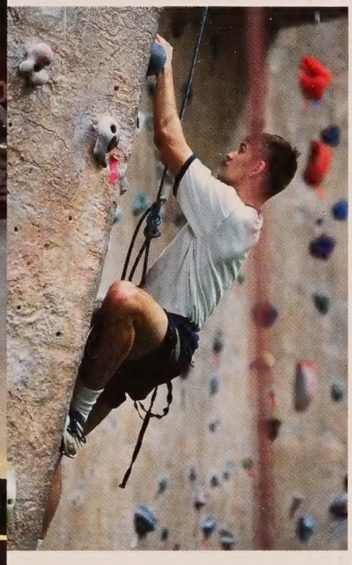

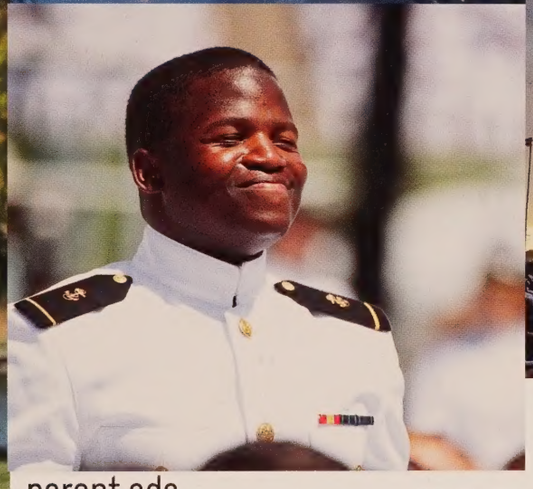

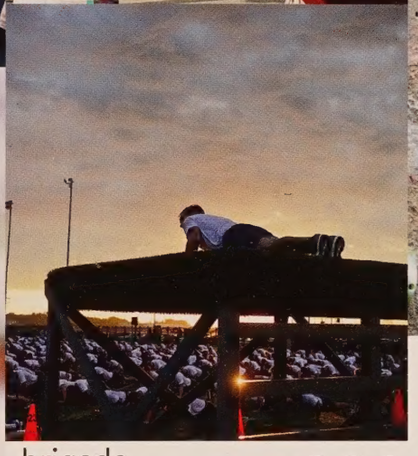

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Letter from the Editor

I am proud to present to you the two thousand eighteen Lucky Bag! This year's yearbook aims to capture moments that merit remembrance and highlight hard-working individuals who warrant recognition. First, I would like to acknowledge and give thanks to this year's Lucky Bag staff and of course, the Jostens team who has worked so closely with us throughout the year. Without them, this book would not have been possible. I would also like to extend my thanks to the Brigade of Midshipmen for letting us capture these moments through words and images and to anyone else who has provided us with content for this book. It has truly been an honor taking part in this grand Naval Academy tradition that has lasted for well over a century. As you flip through the pages of this hefty book, you will see the Class of 2021 struggle through plebe year, the Class of 2020 fight to not let their youngster year be the forgotten year, the Class of 2019 rise to the responsibilities of new leadership positions, and the Class of 2018 relish in their final year at USNA as they prepare to become commissioned officers. Please enjoy the great accomplishments of truly incredible people in this year's Lucky Bag!

Lucky Bag Editor-in-Chief, Malia Meditz

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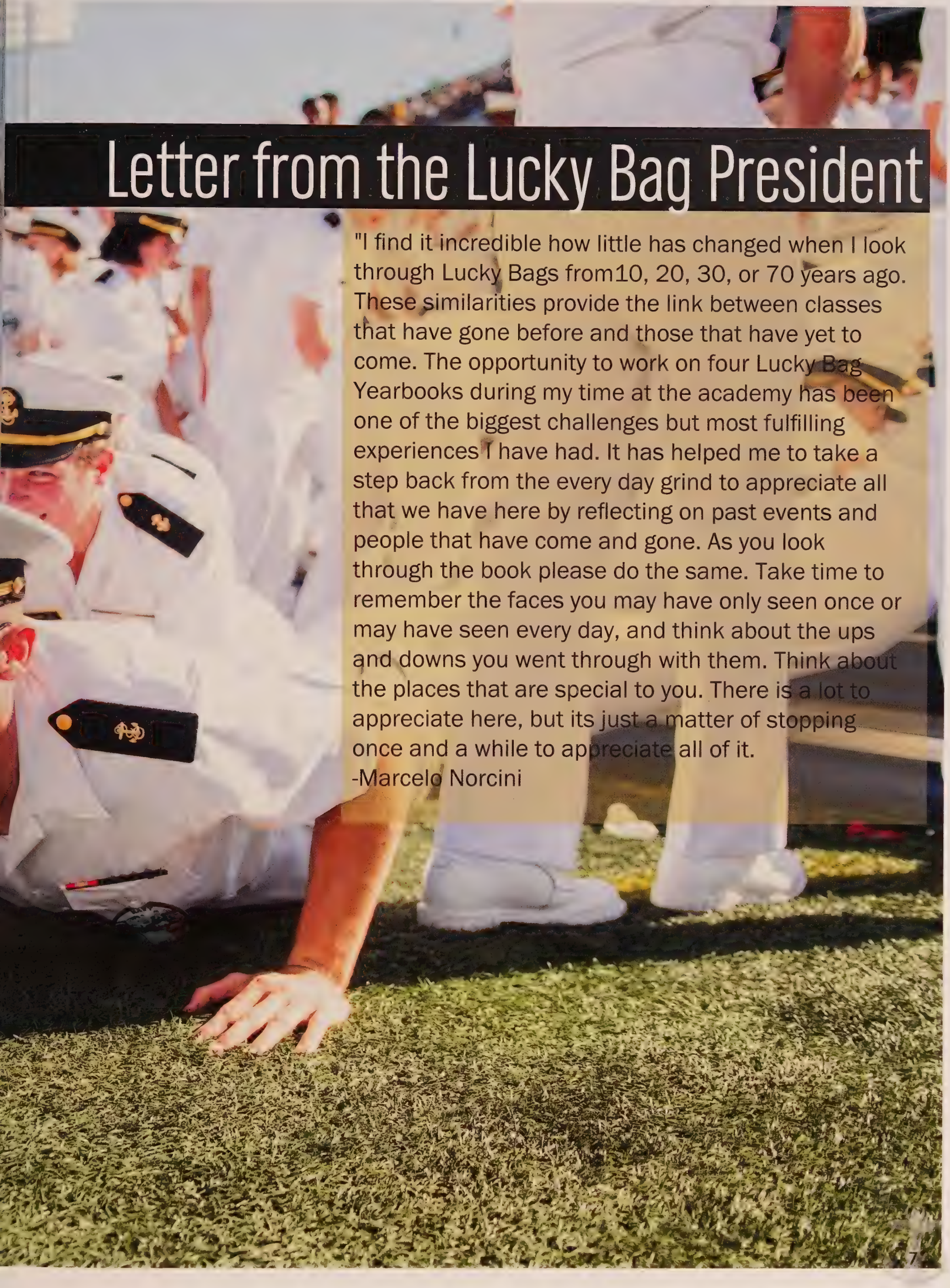

"I find it incredible how little has changed when I look through Lucky Bags from10, 20, 30, or 70 years ago. These similarities provide the link between classes that have gone before and those that have yet to come. The opportunity to work on four Lucky Bag Yearbooks during my time at the academy has been one of the biggest challenges but most fulfilling experiences I have had. It has helped me to take a step back from the every day grind to appreciate all that we have here by reflecting on past events and people that have come and gone. As you look through the book please do the same. Take time to remember the faces you may have only seen once or may have seen every day, and think about the ups and downs you went through with them. Think about the places that are special to you. There is a lot to appreciate here, but its just a matter of stopping once and a while to appreciate all of it.

-Marcelo Norcini

Letter from 2018 Class President

Hello class of 2018

Mike and I have been given the dubious task of writing an open letter to the future. This seems too impossible for me because, for your reference, I am writing this scant weeks after graduation, still TADing for the sailing department, and I find it hard to look past next week, let alone write generations ahead. I can't talk about the many accomplishments, trials and tribulations for the coming years, I can only tell you what I know.

I know that these past four years (and NAPS) have been the best and we'll use them as a benchmark forever. Remember the time your friend got in trouble and had to stand weeks of restriction, or better yet that time they '*almost*' got in trouble? When as a Plebe you had to salute the honey bear and call it 'sir' and that was completely normal? When you pulled an all-nighter on a project and passed out on the parade field? Soon, I'll bet, you'll relate some of the best experiences to come to similar feelings; for example, starting a family will leave you just as happy (and as broke) as you were after your successful Ring Dance Weekend.

There are plenty of stops along memory lane that we'll cherish forever, but what we're really looking forward to is seeing you all again each reunion or change of duty station. Coming together and creating new stories to share and rival the most daring rumors that still circulate the Yard to this day. Whenever you look at this Lucky Bag I hope that you are proud of who you were and who you have become.

Go Navy, and Beat Everyone,

2018 President Dan Stitt and 2018 Vice President Michael Pahissa

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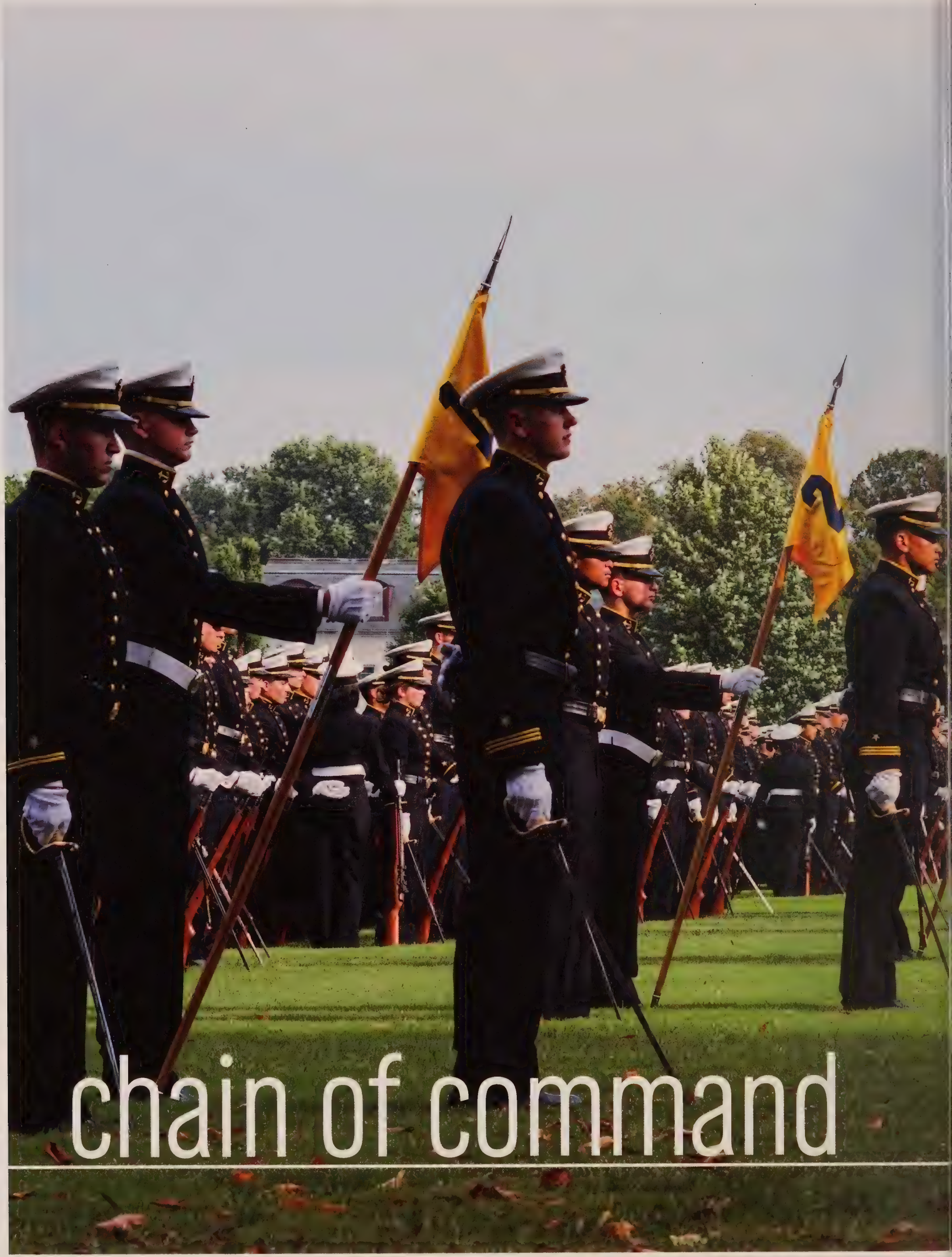

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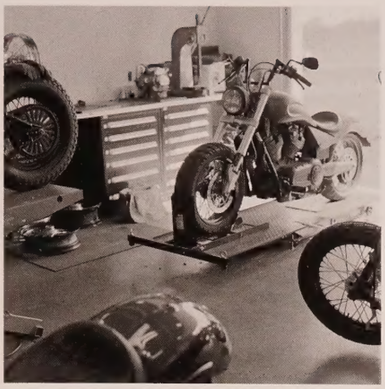
LT Kevin Burnett

LT Burnett was the type of professor that would really get you excited for class and life. Every Monday class started with a motivational video to get the week kicked of right. One thing I really appreciated about him was his genuine personality. He was always willing to talk about himself openly which helped everyone else do the same forming a great bond in the class. One of his passions quickly became the topic of discussion; motorcycles. LT Burnett doesn't just ride them, he fixes them, tears them apart, and rebuilds them, all in his "shop," which is his garage.



LT Burnett's garage is more than just a space with some wrenches. He has just about every industrial grade machine and tool one would need to tear apart and fix a bike. It is easy to see the passion he has for the subject.

His passion for mechanics and metalwork began when him and his dad would work on their old Chevy truck together. He would learn through his own research, the amount options and techniques to welding or fixing parts and components. When his uncle gave him an old bike that needed work he knew exactly what to do. He was able to experiment with the different methods he read about and enjoy the finished product. This took him through high school until attending the the Academy. As a newly commissioned officer, he bought his first nice street bike, which is where the passion for riding began.

There were a lot of reasons for falling in love with motorcycles; the freedom of being on the open road, the simplicity, the focus it takes to ride. He also really enjoyed the ability to continue his original passion for metalwork and create something that he could enjoy out of it.

Working on motorcycles provides a challenge every time. The more he learns about something new, the more he realizes how many other possibilities there are which drives him even more through research and practice.

Currently, there are nine motorcycles in his garage but he has owned over twenty in his life. Some get stripped for parts and others grow old, but he is able to learn something new from each.

His garage started at the beginning of his time as a professor at USNA and has developed to a full shop in his three years here. He claims, "tts never going to end," because there is always something to add or to improve on.

His favorite bike he says is the grey Victory that stands proudly in the garage. There is a certain attachment to it because they are not made anymore and it was his first bike. Its an American made bike that was different; "everyone has Harley's but Victories stand out. Its not the best but its the one I'm most connected to" LT Burnett says.

I really appreciate it when others share their passions. It is interesting to think how many people we walk past every day at school, MIDN and professors alike, that have something unique they are passionate about but we don't always get to find out about it. LT Burnett was one of the best people, not just professors, at the academy and I hope others take away the idea to go out and learn about what others love and what they are good at. You might just learn something new.